



## **L'Auberge Provencale**

### **White Post, Virginia**

*Virginia Green* is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. *Virginia Green* has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, *Virginia Green* encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations; and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

### **L'Auberge Provencale**

L'Auberge Provencale is a Bed and Breakfast Inn in French Country style. The inn is located in the Shenandoah Valley and features 11 rooms.

**Green Statement:** "We are a small property and have always been energy conscious and use fresh, local, in season ingredients."



### **CORE ACTIVITIES for Lodging**

“☑” This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Participants self-certify that they activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to **L'Auberge Provencale** can expect the following practices:

☑ **Optional Linen Service.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:

- Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
- Purchase water and energy efficient washers and dryers
- Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Use linens service providers that employ "wet" versus "dry" cleaning

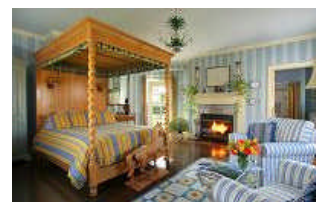
☑ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle Glass Bottles and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Recycle: glass, aluminum cans, steel cans, grease, plastic, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment
- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Do not use Styrofoam
- Use reusable dishware and glassware, and minimize use of disposables
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitches and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste
- Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
- Purchase organic and "sustainably-grown" foods
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment

- Make 2-sided copies/ printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Use “green” cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Use latex paints
- Properly recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use a last-in/first-out inventory and labeling system
- Use less toxic materials
- Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides

☒ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have:
  - high efficiency dishwashers
  - low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
  - low flow toilets
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweeping first)
- Minimize impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc)



☒ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
- Use high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T5s and T8s)
- Use ceiling fans
- Have high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Use natural lighting
- Purchase EnergyStar-rated computers, copiers, and appliances
- Have thermal-rated windows and insulation

☒ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:

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For more information on **L’Auberge Provencale**, see [www.laubergeprovencale.com](http://www.laubergeprovencale.com) or contact **Celeste Borel** at [info@laubergeprovencale.com](mailto:info@laubergeprovencale.com).

For more information on **Virginia Green Lodging** program, see [www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging) or go to [www.viriniagreentravel.org](http://www.viriniagreentravel.org).



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